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4 CHANUTE AFB INSTALLATION
5 RESTORATION PROGRAM
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9 BOARD MEETING

10 Proceedings had on January 31st, 2002, at AFBCA
11 Public Meeting Room, 1 Aviation Drive, Rantoul,
12 Champaign County, Illinois, commencing at the hour of
13 6:00 o'clock P.M., before the Restoration Advisory
14 Board, before H. Lori Bernardy, a Notary Public of
15 Sangamon County, acting within and for the County of
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1 P R O C E E D I N G

2 MR. BRECHEEN: I think we're ready to get
3 started. I just want to say thank you to everybody
4 coming on a rainy, dreary night. We'll go ahead and
5 get started with introductions:

6 My name is Tim Brecheen and I work with
7 AFBCA.

8 MR. ADAMS: I'm Gary Adams with the Village of
9 Rantoul.

10 MR. FOTHERGILL: Carl Fothergill, RAB Member.

11 MS. WIRGES: Lorraine Wirges, RAB Member.

12 MR. KOWALSKI: Lou Kowalski, just trying to get
13 into this group.

14 MR. SCHAFER: Gary Schafer, USEPA.

15 MR. HILL: Chris Hill, Illinois EPA.

16 MR. WEBER: Rich Weber, Montgomery-Watson-Harza.

17 MR. HEIDLAF: Dave Heidlauf,
18 Montgomery-Watson-Harza.

19 MR. HERNSBE: Al HERNsbe, Jacobs.

20 MR. CONRAD: Tom Conrad, Jacobs.

21 MS. KOZAK: Donna Kozak, Booze Allen Hamilton.

22 MR. MASON: Tom Mason, Jacobs.

23 MR. MILES: Harold Miles, Rantoul, just a
24 resident.

1 MR. HUTCHINSON: Mark Hutchinson, Air Force Base.

2 MR. HARTMAS: Ken Hartmas, Rantoul Press.

3 MR. MITCHELL: Tim Mitchell, News Gazette.

4 MR. BRECHEEN: I guess we'll start with: Were
5 there any comments on the meeting minutes from the
6 last meeting?

7 (No audible response.)

8 MR. BRECHEEN: Do we have a Motion to except the
9 minutes?

10 MS. WIRGES: I move that we accept the minutes
11 as written.

12 MR. FOTHERGILL: I second.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: All in favor say "aye."

14 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. BRECHEEN: They will be accepted as is.

16 Any other comments before we start?

17 (No audible response.)

18 MR. BRECHEEN: We'll go ahead and get started.

19 Go ahead.

20 MR. HEIDLARUF: Okay, the last meeting was in
21 early October, and this is a brief summary of the work
22 that we've completed since October -- well, it's just
23 for the landfill construction activities.

24 The first item is we completed essentially

1 the cap work at Landfill 1 short of placing topsoil
2 and seeding which we're going to finish in the Spring
3 of this year. So we've completed that Geonet drainage
4 layer above the clay cap and synthetic cap, and placed
5 the root zone soils. We've substantially completed
6 the waste consolidation at Landfill 3, and initiated
7 the backfilling activities of those excavations.

8 And there was a power line between Landfill
9 3 and the Heritage Lake area that was relocated. We
10 installed the leachate collection system around the
11 outside of Landfill 3. We continued shaping and
12 grading activities on Landfills 2 and 3 in preparation
13 for cover construction this year, and we continue to
14 haul soils from the borrow source -- the Village of
15 Rantoul borrow source.

16 And then we've begun procurement activities
17 relative to another borrow source which we need in
18 order to complete the work this year.

19 The plan for the next 60 - 90 days over
20 these wet, rainy, winter months: complete the waste
21 consolidation work at Landfill 3 with a little bit
22 additional backfilling, but most of the backfilling
23 will -- the rest of the backfilling will wait until
24 the construction season this summer.

1 The excavation and stockpiling of the
2 Rantoul borrow source is continuing, and we hope to
3 complete that in the next 60 to 90 days. We're going
4 to continue and hopefully finish our procurement of
5 the next borrow source. We're going to finish the
6 Landfill 4 design and prepare the Work Plan for Agency
7 review, and then we're going to be working on a Draft
8 Operations Maintenance and Monitoring Plan for the
9 various landfills.

10 Just kind of the overall schedule, brief
11 update since the last time we met. Landfill 1, again,
12 we'll finish the leachate system and site restoration
13 this Spring. Landfills 2 and 3, site prep, leachate
14 systems, backfilling, and cover construction will
15 occur during this calendar year starting in the
16 Springtime.

17 And Landfill 4, we'll begin this year. The
18 actual construction activities are somewhat dependent
19 schedule-wise based on the completion of the
20 Landfill's extent sampling, the submittal of the Work
21 Plan for Agency review and approval.

22 MR. KOWALSKI: What is the number of the Landfill
23 that may become a rec area -- recreation area?

24 MR. BRECHEEN: The area would be outside of the

1 landfill.

2 MR. KOWALSKI: It's not one of these four sites
3 then?

4 MR. BRECHEEN: Correct.

5 MR. HEIDLARUF: I have just a few photos showing
6 some of the work that occurred. A truck is dumping
7 root zone soils on top of the drainage net, which is a
8 thin layer of polyethylene composite with geotextile,
9 and that is over the clay and the geo-membrane liner.

10 That's 30 inches thick, and then in the
11 Spring we'll place 6 inches of topsoil on that and
12 seed it, and then we'll be done on Landfill 1.

13 MR. FOTHERGILL: Is that -- the two piles of
14 dirt on here right now, is that going to be the final
15 layer and then the seeding?

16 MR. HEIDLARUF: On the two piles next to 1? Yeah,
17 that is topsoil that we will use on Landfill 1. It is
18 not enough to finish Landfill 1. We're seeking
19 additional topsoil, but that's what that will be used
20 for.

21 This is a photo of the borrow source, the
22 Village of Rantoul Borrow Source and some of the
23 trucking that was done in December. Presently, we've
24 been using off-road trucks and stockpiling at the

1 borrow source as you may have seen if you've driven by
2 over there.

3 MR. ADAMS: Ten inches of snow and it would be a
4 nice sky slope.

5 MR. HEIDLARUF: Some of the waste consolidation
6 activities: Some pretty deep holes using two backhoes
7 and off-road trucks. In the background up here is an
8 off-road truck dumping the waste and contaminated soil
9 materials up on top of Landfill 3.

10 The power line area again was north of
11 Landfill 3, south of Heritage Lake; realigned it out
12 of the excavation where some of the consolidation
13 occurred, and put it in an area that will be out of
14 our way.

15 And then this is a little bit of a darker
16 photo, but the backhoe right here is digging down into
17 the waste material on the outer edges of the Landfill
18 3, installing perforated pipe which will then collect
19 the leachate for treatment -- discharge and treatment
20 by the Village of Rantoul and the treatment plant.
21 That's pretty much it for the photos.

22 MR. MASON: This project is the Landfills
23 Investigation, and we've talked about this at the last
24 RAB meeting, the fact that signs have been placed and

1 posted at Heritage Lake and that was completed in
2 October just like we talked about.

3 Activities that are ongoing or will be
4 ongoing: We'll complete the perimeter sampling.
5 Perimeter sampling activities will begin this spring.
6 Subsequently, we'll submit the Landfills RI Report to
7 the agencies this fall.

8 The other ongoing investigation that we
9 talked about before in the RAB meetings is the
10 Basewide Investigation. The next steps we have to
11 take are to gain concurrence on the OU-2 Work RI Plan,
12 reach resolution there, and subsequently submit the
13 Quality Assurance Project Plan and the Field Sampling
14 Plan, which will allow us to move forward and get into
15 the field with that project.

16 And then simultaneously the OU-1 Work Plan
17 will be submitted capturing lessons learned from the
18 OU-2 RI Work Plan.

19 MR. HEIDLARF: On the Non-CERCLA petroleum
20 project since last October, there's been additional
21 soil excavations and sampling that were performed at
22 six above-ground storage tanks or underground storage
23 tanks sites. After completion of those activities,
24 all of the open holes that have been generated during

1 the course of the year were backfilled.

2 These are mainly areas up on the northern
3 part of the base. We've collected a second round of
4 groundwater samples from eight monitoring wells up by
5 the former Building 700 area, the former gas station
6 area.

7 And then there's been a substantial number
8 of different reports and work plans prepared during
9 the fall in preparation of, again, Site Completion
10 Reports at various AST and UST Sites, preparation of a
11 Groundwater Assessment Report documenting the results
12 from the sampling of temporary wells at 14 Geo-well
13 Sites, and continuing the preparation of the second
14 main Work Plan for the Non-CERCLA work, the ECP-II
15 Work Plan.

16 We also revised something referred to as
17 the Waste Management Plan which dictates how we manage
18 soils -- contaminated soils during the project, and we
19 also prepared and submitted a Completion Report for
20 the 921 -- Building 921 Underground Storage Tank Site.

21 So that line represents closure reports on
22 eleven different sites, soil sites, and 14 different
23 groundwater sites. Many of these are at the Air Force
24 right now for review, soon to be submitted to the

1 Agencies.

2 And in the next 60 days, two immediate
3 documents to be submitted to the Agencies is the
4 Follow-on Work Plan for the Building 700 area, and the
5 final revision of the Waste Management Plan.

6 MR. BRECHEEN: Any questions on the projects to
7 date?

8 (No audible response.)

9 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay, are there any questions in
10 general on our projects?

11 (No audible response.)

12 MR. ADAMS: Just the time frame for the
13 additional cover material, the bidding process. I
14 don't know when those bids were opened.

15 MR. HEIDLARUF: For soil?

16 MR. ADAMS: Uh-huh, yes, I'm sorry.

17 MR. HEIDLARUF: We have a bid package on the
18 street right now. They're due to us February 7. I
19 believe that's next Thursday.

20 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

21 MR. BRECHEEN: We received an application from
22 Lou. Thank you, Lou.

23 MR. ADAMS: We need an F.B.I. and background
24 check.

1 MS. WIRGES: I'll be happy to provide that.

2 MR. ADAMS: Need a pretty thorough check on that.

3 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you, very much. I think
4 what I'd like to do, unless there's any discussion, is
5 vote on accepting Lou.

6 MR. ADAMS: Add him.

7 MR. FOTHERGILL: Fine with me.

8 MS. WIRGES: I move that we add Lou Kowalski to
9 our RAB Board.

10 MR. FOTHERGILL: Second.

11 MR. BRECHEEN: All in favor say "aye."

12 RAB MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you, very much, gentlemen.

14 MR. KOWALSKI: Thank you. Painless.

15 MR. FOTHERGILL: Now this initiation process we
16 go through --

17 MS. WIRGES: He's going fishing, so I think we'll
18 have a treat next time.

19 MR. FOTHERGILL: Well, that is the first
20 requirement.

21 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you, very much, Lou.

22 Reuse?

23 MR. ADAMS: Not a whole lot to report, I guess.
24 We have been working, as you know, with the Illinois

1 Department of Transportation on the realignment of 45.
2 That is progressing, I guess.

3 We have - if you're familiar with the
4 Aquatic Center, it's moving along, I think. If the
5 weather gets back up to 50 to 60 degrees, we'll be
6 swimming in a couple of months, maybe not.

7 I think for the most part we're looking at
8 maybe eventually doing some work at Smith Hall, some
9 renovation work, and put some offices there. I think
10 for the most part that's it. Oh, I wanted -- I don't
11 know if you want me to mention this, but the building
12 that we burned down, we have filed a response back to
13 the IEPA along with a Plan, a cleanup plan, on how we
14 would clean that site up, and we'll get that hopefully
15 cleaned up and corrected, and also ask them for some
16 assistance in how we do it.

17 I thought we identified all the asbestos in
18 there; we didn't. So we want to make sure we do it
19 right the next time. And so we want to ask for some
20 assistance so whenever we look at removing another
21 building that we have hopefully will have it all
22 identified. But that's submitted, and once we get the
23 response back, then we'll proceed and get that cleaned
24 up and hopefully put that behind us. I think that's

1 pretty much it, unless anybody's got any questions.

2 That's all I have.

3 MR. BRECHEEN: Any other comments from anybody?

4 (No audible response.)

5 MR. BRECHEEN: Do we want to talk about our next
6 meeting?

7 MR. ADAMS: Can I raise an issue? I don't know
8 what you guys or anybody else that came in, but I was
9 just wondering if we could -- it would be feasible
10 because of the progress and the way we're moving
11 along, do we need to meet monthly? Is it feasible to
12 think about maybe a quarterly meeting? I don't know
13 what does for you guys or about the rest of them, but
14 if that's a feasible alternative or maybe -- do we
15 still need to keep meeting on the same basis?

16 MR. SCHAFER: From my perspective, we'll be here.
17 Mr. Hill and I will be here. If you want to meet
18 every two months or quarterly --

19 MR. ADAMS: From you guys' perspective, is there
20 any problem with that? Can you just think about that
21 or no?

22 MR. SCHAFER: From the EPA's perspective, it's
23 fine, whenever you'd like. Whatever you want to do.

24 MR. ADAMS: Well, I'll throw it out and --

1 MR. FOTHERGILL: That's fine with me.

2 MS. WIRGES: I'd rather meet a little longer than
3 15 to 20 minutes.

4 MR. ADAMS: That's kind of what I felt, too. If
5 we did it on a quarterly basis, then maybe it will --
6 well, if there's not any disagreement or problem, but
7 it's just something to throw out and think about.

8 So I would suggest that if there's not a
9 problem with it.

10 MR. BRECHEEN: Okay. We can just schedule the
11 next one for the end of April.

12 MR. ADAMS: Yes, that's fine with me.

13 MR. BRECHEEN: Definitely not on a Tuesday.

14 MS. WIRGES: No.

15 MR. ADAMS: No, please don't do that. That's why
16 I couldn't be here the last time. That's okay, I
17 understand why it was moved. I just want to make sure
18 everybody knows that that's my Board meeting day, and
19 they're the people that pay my check. They probably
20 would not have been happy if I wouldn't have been
21 there.

22 MR. SCHAFER: Are you going to try and correspond
23 our meetings with this? I would suggest that we look
24 at the first week in May. We're on a schedule where

1 we're meeting the first week of the month.

2 MR. ADAMS: Gary, can't you just tie it in with
3 this thing? Wouldn't that save you guys a trip?

4 MR. SCHAFER: Yeah, that's what I'm hoping for.

5 MR. ADAMS: That's fine with me. When would that
6 be then? When would you guys meet?

7 MR. SCHAFER: We're scheduled to meet the 4th of
8 April, so I'm assuming -- we haven't scheduled a May
9 meeting, but I guess we would probably meet somewhere
10 along that first week, somewhere along May 2. I mean
11 would that be acceptable to you guys?

12 MR. ADAMS: That's fine with me. Brian, does
13 that work for you guys?

14 MR. BRECHEEN: That's good for me.

15 MR. ADAMS: Lorraine, is that good for you?

16 MS. WIRGES: That's fine with me.

17 MR. ADAMS: So the next RAB meeting would be May
18 2; is that right?

19 MS. WIRGES: Right.

20 MR. ADAMS: If that helps you guys tie it in with
21 your schedule, that's fine with me. It might save you
22 a trip.

23 MR. KOWALSKI: Can I just throw in a zinger here
24 before we leave? This is kind of a political,

1 philosophical question:

2 I assume that this waste that we're dealing
3 with today has accumulated over almost over a century,
4 right? Gary is with the Federal EPA?

5 MR. SCHAFER: Yes.

6 MR. KOWALSKI: Are Army/Navy/Air Force
7 installations today, are they handling waste
8 differently than we did then?

9 MR. SCHAFER: Yes. As a former serviceman, I
10 personally -- my personal experience is I've been
11 dealing with closed installations, so I'm not really
12 the best person to ask or compare what current
13 practices are versus former practices.

14 But I certainly have to believe that
15 everybody in general - not only the military, but the
16 private sector as well - is a lot more conscientious
17 about --

18 MR. KOWALSKI: Yeah, I came up with the
19 industries, and over the years it's changed.

20 MR. FOTHERGILL: In fact, a lot of the
21 organizations in the Air Force now have manned each
22 squadron with a hazardous materials individual.

23 MR. KOWALSKI: And the reason I asked that is I
24 just paid my income tax, and I don't like to see all

1 our dollars wasted.

2 MR. FOTHERGILL: I know back in the early '80s,
3 it was pretty much just a detail as far as each
4 individual's request. But it became quite serious
5 when a few of Mr. Schafer's people walked on the base
6 and started taking pictures. And, of course, the
7 Waste Management was notified there was something
8 wrong with this base, and it just escalated up the
9 command.

10 MR. KOWALSKI: I think they're probably behind
11 the industry, but they're probably catching up.

12 MR. FOTHERGILL: Oh, yeah, a lot of training. I
13 went through a lot.

14 MR. KOWALSKI: Okay, thank you.

15 MR. BRECHEEN: Any other comments?

16 (No audible response.)

17 MR. BRECHEEN: Motion to adjourn?

18 MR. FOTHERGILL: I motion to we adjourn.

19 MR. BRECHEEN: Thank you, very much.

20 HEARD AND TAKEN

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